

## The Testimony of Our Life

Text: Proverbs 3:27-35

### Introduction

Thus far, Proverbs chapter 3 has revealed some great lessons about life. Verses 1-12 revealed How to Get the Most Out of Life. This goal is obtained by honoring God and putting Him first in our lives.

Verses 13-26 revealed The Most Valuable Asset of Life. It was seen that dollars and diamonds were not as valuable as wisdom. Wisdom and discretion are to be the pursuit of life, and not treasures and trinkets.

The remaining verses of chapter 3 deal with the testimony of our life. The reputation that we build should be one that honors God and reveals our commitment to Him. Our testimony will be evidenced in the way that we deal with others.

### **I. The Testimony of Our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 27-30).**

#### **Life Principle #7: \_\_\_\_\_**

This principle stands in direct opposition to the secular philosophy that states, "Look out for #1!" The world philosophy says that man is the center of his own existence.

*—How to be a good neighbor*

A. Pay what you \_\_\_\_\_, when it is owed (v.27)

1. Pay your \_\_\_\_\_ on time (cf. Rom. 13:8).

2. Pay your \_\_\_\_\_ on time (cf. Deut. 24:14-15; Jam. 5:4).

B. Be willing to help with his \_\_\_\_\_ (v.29).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Pro. 24:11-12).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.28b).

C. Do not plan \_\_\_\_\_ against him (v.29).

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v.29a).

2. The security (v.29b).

D. Do not pick \_\_\_\_\_ with your neighbor (v.30).

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v.30b)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v.30b).

## II. The Testimony of Our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 31-35).

It has been said that, “*Today’s \_\_\_\_\_ Determine Tomorrow’s Destinies*” (another good “Life Principle”). The Bible supports such a statement. In these verses, we find the validity further supported. Our choices of today, have a direct impact on our directions of tomorrow.

A. Make Righteous \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 31-32).

1. The temptation to wickedness (v.31).

a. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the life of the oppressor (v.31a; i.e., “violent or wicked”).

b. Do not choose the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked (v.31b; “*and choose none of his ways*”).

2. The motivation for righteousness (v.32).

a. Not for fear of \_\_\_\_\_ (although it is effective).

b. Out of \_\_\_\_\_ for God (i.e., we don’t want to be an abomination to God)

B. Live a Righteous \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 33-35). —*Live righteously & receive. . .*

1. A blessed \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. heritage) and not a cursed one (v.33).

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ life, and not a scorned life (v.34; cf. 1:26).

3. A glorious \_\_\_\_\_, and not a shameful eternity (v.35)